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Center Packed

Friday, the 12th of April, was a banner day for the Research Center. We were filled to overflowing with twenty-two researchers, which is believed to be the largest number ever. Although our facilities were tight, all were cooperative and patiently waited to use the copy machine and to get a moment of the Director's time. Since we had our brand-new microfilm machines, there was no waiting for the use of a reader.

The day would not have gone as smoothly without the volunteer efforts of Mrs. Lucy Whitehead. With her usual good cheer and ready smile, Lucy greeted one and all and she was in charge of the money bag. The Research Center reaped the benefits of several new memberships, users' fees and lots of copy money.

Of course, the reason for this great useage was the Symposium scheduled for the following day by the Lower Delmarva Genealogical Society at the Sheraton in Salisbury. As usual, this event was sterling and attendees appeared to be enjoying themselves immensely. To our readers who were not there: You missed it--there is nothing like these Symposia for networking. The speeches are instructional and the fellowship of seeing old friends and making new friends is outstanding.

We hope by the time of the next Symposium in 1998, the Research Center will be able to accommodate those users desiring later hours in which to research. We know what its like having traveled a distance to the research site. There's never enough time!

Research Fees Assessed

The Research Center will assessed a research service fee of $10 for mail replies for research services effective immediately. The fee must be paid at the time an inquiry is submitted. The research process includes:

- locating the information or records desired
- examining the material for content
- determining the method of reproduction
- preparing a reply

The fee covers up to 30 minutes of research and three exrographic copies if information is found. If more than three copies are made, a bill for the additional copies will be include with the response. If extended, in-depth research is required, you will be referred to outside researchers.

Research Center Reconstitutes Board

With great pleasure, we present our roster of the Board of Directors for the Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture at Salisbury State University. Among these fine individuals we find representatives of the Research Center's area of Delmarva coverage. Their responsibilities include promoting the Research Center on a regional basis, promoting fund-raising activities for the benefit and enhancement of the Research Center and to solicit funds and documents for the Research Center.

With this ready and able Board, the Research Center surely will be able to continue its service to the students and faculty of SSU and the public.

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New Acquisitions

This column has become a favorite with readers as it allows users to keep up with additions to our book collections. Although we keep new (and new to us) books on the "new acquisitions table" in the reading room for a couple of weeks, this listing aids our constituency who perhaps may visit us irregularly because of distance.

The Maryland Calendar of Wills, Jane Baldwin, ed., Vols. 1-8 (1904-1928)
Lower Eastern Shore Patriot, Bicentennial Edition, Anna Brotemarkle, Doris White, eds., (1976)
Land of the Evergreen, A Pictorial Review of Delmarva, John William Robertson, M.D., (1963)
Chesapeake Bay and Tidewater, A. Aubrey Bodine (1954) [pictorial]
My Maryland, A. Aubrey Bodine (1952) [pictorial]
Chesapeake Bay; A Pictorial Maritime History, M.V. Brewington (1953)
Daughters of Colonial Wars, National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars, (1941) [membership list; index of ancestors]
Fooks Family, C. Herbert Fooks (1953)
History of Baltimore City and County, Regional Publishing Company, Parts I & II (1971)
Elizabeth W. Woodcock of Chatillon, Amos W.W. Woodcock (1947)
Follow the Water, Varley Lang (1961)
Teackle Mansion and The Man, Daniel J. Houlihan, (1976)
The Tides of March A Story of the Storm March 6 and 7, 1962 in Ocean City, Maryland, Beryl and Bill Dryden (c1962)
Maryland Symbols; the stories behind their selection as emblems by the Free State's General Assembly, Elmer M. Jackson, Jr. (1964)
Newspapers in Maryland Libraries, Eleanore O. Hofstetter and Marcellus S. Eustis (1977)
The Eastern Shore of Maryland In Song and Story, W.C. Thurston, ed. (1938)
Tales of Old Maryland; a history and romance on the Eastern Shore, J.H. K. Shannahan, Jr. (1907)
The Blessings of Peace, Renee J. Fulton (1969)
Old Spring Hill Church (St. Paul's Episcopal Church), Virginia M. Dick (1973)
Homes of the Cavaliers, Katherine Scarborough (1969)
The Chesapeake Bay Country, Swepson Earle (1923)
Tidewater Maryland Architecture and Gardens, Henry C. Forman (1956)
Golden Days, A.W.W. Woodcock (1951)
Eastern Shore by Coach-and-Four And Other Stories, Dorothy N. Harr (1976)
Who's Who of Maryland Women 1930-1976, Patricia Sarvella, ed. (1976)
Who's Who of Wicomico Women 1930-1976, Virginia Dick, project chair (1976)
Beautiful Swimmers; Waterman, Crabs and the Chesapeake Bay, William W. Warner (1976)
Foulke Family, Roy A. Foulke, 2d ed. (1974)
Portrait and Biographical Records of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, (1898)
Maryland's Constitution Commission, E. Dale Adkins' notesbooks
Valley of the Adkins, the Perdues and other Related Families Cemetery Records, Edward M. Perdue (compiler-donor)
The Entailed Hat or Patty Cannon's Times, George Alfred Townsend (donor, Ed Perdue)
The Parson of the Islands: A Biography of the Rev. Joshua Thomas, Adam Wallace, 1906
Calendar of Warrants for Land in Kentucky, Phillip F. Taylor (1994)
Chronicles of Colonial Maryland, Thomas, 1995
Historic Families of Kentucky, Thomas M. Green, (1889), 1996
Abstracts of Early Kentucky Wills & Inventories, Junie E.S. King (1933), 1996
History of Kentucky, 2 vols., Collins, 1995
Barbados Records, Wills and Administrations, Vol. 2 1681-1700, Sanders
Barbados Records, Wills and Administrations, Vol. 3 1701-1725, Sanders
Barbados Records, Marriages Vols. 1&2 1643-1800, Sanders
Some Emigrants to Virginia, William G. Stanard (1915), 1994
Some Early Emigrants to America, Cregoe D. Nicholson, 1898
Historical Register of Virginia in the Revolution, John Gwathmey, (1938), 1996
The First Explorations of the Trans-Allegheny 1650-1674, Alvord, 1996
Directory of Scots Banished to the American Plantations, Dobson, 1990
Muster Rolls of Maryland Troops in the American Revolution 1775-1783, Maryland Historical Society (1972) 1996
Colonial Virginians and their Maryland Relatives, Tucker, 1994
Muster Rolls of the Soldiers of the War of 1812, North Carolina Adjutants Office (1980), 1996
Memoirs of a Huguenot Family, Rev.

James Fontaine (1853), 1994
American Wills and Administrations in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 1610-1857, Peter W. Coldham, 1989
The Pension Lists of 1792-1795, Murtie J. Clark, (1991) 1996
Settlers of Maryland 1701-1730, Peter Coldham, 1996
Settlers of Maryland 1731-1750, Peter Coldham, 1996
A Census of Pensioners with General Index, US. Dept. Of State (1974) 1996
The Original Scots Colonists of Early America 1612-1783, David Dobson (1989), 1995
American Wills Proved in London 1611-1775, Peter Coldham, 1992
First Dorchester Families
Heirs and Legatees of Caroline County Before the Fire
Index of Sussex County Wills
Calendar of Kent County Probate Records
Administration Accounts, F.L. Skinner, 1996
Virginia Gleanings
A-Z Guide to Tracing Ancestors
Welsh Family History
Lower Norfolk County Wills
Norfolk County Wills

New Microfilms

Dorchester County Commission of Slave Statistics
Dorchester County Certificates of Freedom
The Marylander and Herald 1912-1947 (Somerset Co. Newspaper)
U.S. Census Records, Dorchester County 1790-1920, plus additions to our existing collections on Accomack, Northampton, Sussex, Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset
James R. Perry Collection - Notes from Accomack and Northampton Counties

The Research Center and Salisbury State University

by George W. Gering, Jr., Chairman of the Board

There is frequently some misunderstanding about the origins and particularly the operation of the Research Center and its relationship to the Salisbury State University Foundation and the University itself.

The Research Center is a quasi-independent on-campus function which provides a research resource both for the University and the community at large. Research Center holdings are the property of the Salisbury State University Foundation, a non-profit organization operating in support of University goals and objectives. All gifts, financial and physical, are made in the name of the Foundation for the benefit of the Research Center and are held in trust by the Foundation for that purpose.

Basically the Research Center is self-supporting. Membership fees, research fees and other income are solicited and used to pay for staff and supplies. The University does provide a small annual financial stipend which serves to offset basic costs in support of student research activities. Also the University provides space and the cost of utilities.

The mandated goal of the Research Center is to become financially independent of the University and Foundation in all respects and at the same time to provide a national research facility for the University covering Delmarva history and culture. To this end our goal is to create an endowment, managed by the Salisbury State Foundation, of sufficient size to cover the growing maintenance and support of the Center.

At present our fees both to members and ad hoc researchers are aimed in this direction. Without this type of support the doors of the Research Center would soon close.

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Graduate Seminar at Research Center

This summer, the Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture will become a classroom for seventeen graduate students who will spend the summer researching local history, using the extensive primary records collection of Eastern Shore history housed at the Resaerch Center on the East Campus of SSU.

Using the microcosm of the "Hundred", a geographical division used in colonial Maryland for enumeration purposes, students will examine seventeenth and early eighteenth century records in an attempt to structure a history of this important area of the Chesapeake region. Bogerternorton Hundred, which students will be examining in detail, was located on the Atlantic coastal area of what is presently northeastern Worcester County. Using only original records, students will study early settlement patterns of the immigrant settlers and will then put these immigrant settlers into a social and economic framework, showing a variety of interconnections. Ten newly acquired microfilm readers housed at the RCDHAC will allow students easy access to the records.

Last Wintermester, fifteen students in a similar class participated in a research seminar "Studies in Bogerternorton Hundred on the Seaside of Old Somerset". Familiarizing themselves with various facets of the colonial experience on early Delmarva, students found the primary materials to be particularly rich in the types and variety of information available. Students came to have an appreciation for the daily lives of seventeenth century residents of Delmarva. Through an analysis of various public and private records, students were able to begin reconstructing a microcosm of life in the seventeenth century Chesapeake. After undertaking an initial survey of colonial Delmarva, students set to work on the land records, probate records, judicial records and a variety of other public records which contained significant information to provide a more complete picture of the residents of lower Delmarva during the seventeenth century and how they lived as evidenced through court records and such private documents as survive.

Among the topics which students researched were "Inventories as a Gauge of Wealth in Bogerternorton Hundred", "Correspondence of Social Position with Economic Wealth"; "Acquisition of Land in Early Bogerternorton Hundred", "Office Holders and Economic Status in Seventeenth Century Bogerternorton Hundred", "Comparison of Office-Holding and Religious Leadership", "Changing Literacy in Colonial Delmarva, 1666-1720", "Economic Wealth of the Elders in the Snow Hill Dissenting Congregation of the Mid-eighteenth Century."

Several students have also reconstructed a picture of colonial life through biographies of leading members of seventeenth century Bogerternortorn Hundred. One student looked at the socio-economic position of women in the seventeenth century in Bogerternorton through an examination of inventories and land records of that area. Finally, one student examined the accumulation, transfer and diminution of properties within one family over a period of 150 years.

Dr. Ray Thompson, chair of the history department, who is directing the seminar, hopes that a Research Center publication will follow from the seminar research.

Volunteers Needed at RCDHAC

The Research Center is in desperate need of volunteers for a variety of tasks. During times when the University is not in session, there is no student help at all. We need assistance in the following areas:

- **secretarial** - we have wonderful finding aids created by Polly Batchelder and others; however they are not typed. This work could be done at your home IF you have WordPerfect 6.0 or 6.1.
- **reception** - we have as many as 14 visitors per day who must be greeted, from whom money is collected. The telephone also requires answering.
- **Monday night volunteers** - if you want the Center to continue Monday night openings, please give of your time--in two hour increments--to do this.
- **conservation** - we are in receipt of a magnificent collection recently donated by Richard Cooper containing many old documents which need conservation and preservation. We will train--it's easy!

Researching our Records

Last issue we had "views and estimates" from Somerset County land records. This issue features an unknown minister's records from Sussex County, Delaware. The following marriages, births and deaths are all that are contained in an item in the John Jacob Collection. The original is accessioned as 84.16.153.16. This type of information is a prime example of the unique holdings of the Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture.

Marriages of 1853

William Elliott of J and Nancy Cary his wife was lawfuly joind together October the 18th 1853
Selby Loe & Laer E. McColister his wife was lawfuly joind October the 5th 1853
Aaron Doray the son of Wm and Sarah James was lawfuly joind October the 20th 1853
William Pusey of Wm and Tursey Culver was lawfuly joind October the 12th 1853
William Jones of Ph. & Sarah L. Trewit was lawfuly joind October the 11th 1853
William N. Hasting the son of Ch & Margaret Elliotte was lawfuly joind October the 27th 1853
Walter Talburt & Mariah E. Lank was lawfuly joind December the 1st 1853
John C. West of Jm & his 2nd wife was lawfuly joind December the 1st 1853
James Word of Jn & Nancy Cordry was lawfuly joind December the 14th 1853
Leving Elsey & Mary E. Linch was lawfuly joind January the 11th 1854
William Colings of R. & Leona Loe was lawfuly joind January 11th 1854
John Culver of P. & Martha J. Parmer was lawfuly joind February the 8th 1854
Joseph Elliotte of Jm & Martha J. Ellings was lawfuly joind February the 8th 1854
James D. Gordy & Sarah J. Hasting was lawfuly joind March the 21st 1854
William Colbern & Sarah Windsor of Jos. Was lawfuly joind October the 21st 1854
Edward Parker & Jane Windsor was lawfuly joind December 21st 1854
Bengaman Hasting & [sic] Treweit was lawfuly joind December 19th 1854
Thomas Bacon & Emela A. Worries was lawfuly joind January the 10th 1855
John L. Elliotte & Mary Hamin was lawfuly joind January 30th 1855
Joseph Ellis & Elisa J. Hearn was lawfuly joind February 8th 1855

Births

Woolsey B. Hasting of Wm was bornd May the 31st 1836
John W. King of Wm C. K was bornd November the 9th 1853
Isaac W. Ellotte the son of N. Was bornd September 24th 1853
John B. Elliotte the son of Jane Ellotte was bornd December 2nd 1853
Isaac F. Elliotte the son of Jas. S. Ellotte was bornd December 3rd 1853
Wiliam S. Morris the son of E ah was bornd December the 16th 1853
[Sic] Legats the son of Eleanor Legats was bornd July the 20th 1834
Isaac E. Collings the son of John was born August the 7th 1854
Sarah Cath. King the daughter of Wm C.K. was bornd December 25th 1854
[sic] Vinson the son of Isaac was bornd Feby the 16th 1855

Deseasth

Kendal Beach Dect March the 29th 1854
Shadric Hall Det May the 12th 1854
Emeliea Buck De't May the 18th 1854
William Collings of Josiah Dec' July 20th 1854 he was put to Death by A Colored Boy By the name of Samel Calaway
Nehemiah Reding of Laurel Dec December 15th 1854
Cathern Horsey widow of Wm Dec December 8th 1854
Samuel Ward Dec January the 16th 1855
Nancy Gorday Dc March the 27th 1855
John W. King the son of Wm C.K. Dc March the 21st 1855
John Williams March the 21st 1855 of Maryland Worchester Co Dc April 11th 1855
Mariah E. Tolbert daughter of E. Williams Dc April 21st 1855
Josiah Cordray Dc June the 25th 1855

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DEED MAPPER IS HERE!

The Deed Mapper program has arrived and is installed. We bought maps for a great deal of our area and they include streams and road designations. Stacey Weisner will be getting us on board with utilizing the program. With this program we plan to create "Benson Maps" (tract maps) for the area which Mr. Benson did not, *i.e.*, current Wicomico County and old Bogerternorton Hundred in now Worcester County (Ocean City area). With the assistance of volunteers, we will pull the original patents from our vast microfilm collection, type in the metes and bounds and voila!

Anyone wishing to assist with this plan may do so even from a distance. Once the patentees are identified, the patents are photocopied, the patents must be transcribed. We can send these to you for transcription. Even one transcription will help. Contact Becky Miller by mail at the Research Center if you are interested.

OLD SOMERSET INVENTORY PROJECT

With the assistance of volunteers, Ray Thompson and Becky Miller are continuing to pull inventories of colonial Old Somerset County and transcribe the inventories. The culmination of this effort will be another publication for the Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture. More on this subject in the Fall newsletter.

THANKS TO FAYE

Faye Brooks of Princess Anne has graciously volunteered her time to assist us by responding to the many genealogical queries we receive by mail and to assist researchers on Monday afternoons in the Research Center. Many of you will recognize her name as the volunteer at the Worcester County Library in Snow Hill. We are very grateful for this assistance.